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# **Baby Time Songs and Rhymes**

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# F is for Fish



## Once I Caught A Fish Alive

*Hold up your fingers as you count, shrug when you let the fish go, and wiggle the little finger on your right hand when it gets bitten!*

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Once I caught a **fish** alive

6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Then I let it go again.

Why did you let it go?

Because it bit my finger so.

Which finger did it bite?

This little finger on my right

*Count with baby! How many fingers on each hand?*



# A is for Alphabet

## Alphabet Song

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, and Z.

Now I know my ABC,  
Next time won't you sing with me?



What letter does  
baby's name start  
with?

Find it in the  
alphabet, make the  
sound and say their  
name!

# W is for Wool

## Baa Baa Black Sheep

Baa Baa black sheep have you any **wool**?

Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full

One for the master and one for the dame

And one for the little boy who lives down the lane.

Moo moo jersey cow have you any milk?

Yes sir, yes sir, three pails full

One for the master and one for the cat

And one for the little pig who wants to get fat.

Baa Baa white sheep have you any wool?

Yes sir, yes sir three bags full

One for the jumpers and one for the frocks

And one for the little girl with holes in her socks.



# S is for Secret

**Can you keep a secret?**

Can you keep a **secret**?

I don't suppose you can.

You mustn't laugh

You mustn't cry

But do the best you can!



*Tickle baby's ear and tell him or her a secret!*

# H is for House

## Garden Snail

Slowly, slowly, very slowly,  
Goes the garden snail.

Slowly, slowly, very slowly,  
Up the garden trail.

Quickly, quickly, very quickly,  
Runs the little mouse.

Quickly, quickly, very quickly,  
In his little **house**.



# C is for Cow

## Hey diddle diddle

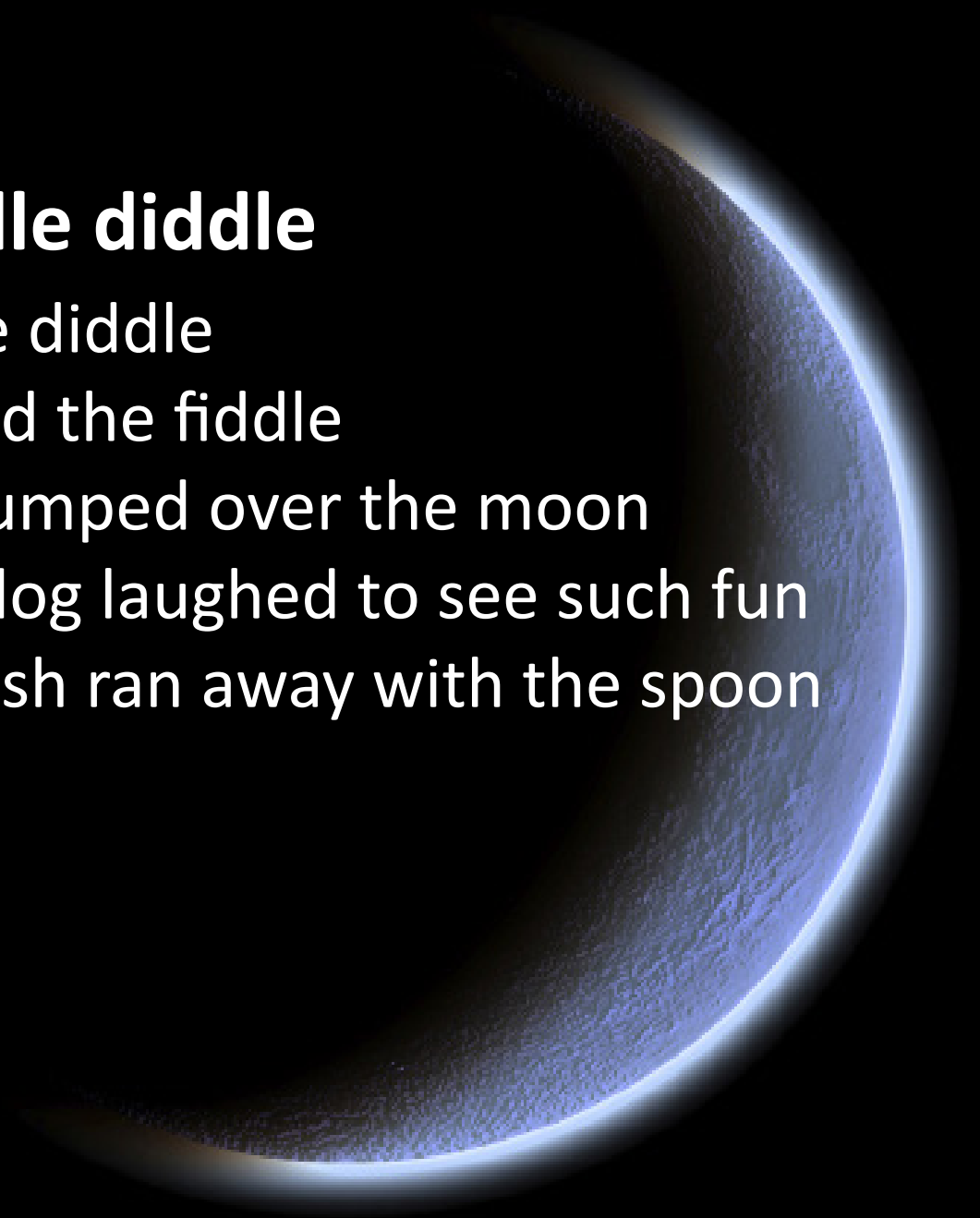
Hey diddle diddle

The cat and the fiddle

The **cow** jumped over the moon

The little dog laughed to see such fun

And the dish ran away with the spoon



# M is for Mouse

## Hickory Dickory

Hickory Dickory Dock  
The **mouse** ran up the clock  
The clock struck one  
The mouse ran down  
Hickory Dickory Dock



Hickory Dickory Dock  
The mouse ran up the clock  
The clock struck 2  
The mouse felt blue  
Hickory dickory dock

Hickory Dickory Dock  
The mouse ran up the clock  
The clock struck 3  
The mouse said weeee  
Hickory dickory dock

Hold baby carefully and say 'up' in a high voice as you lift baby up. Then say 'down' in a low voice as you lower baby down.

Turn it into a game and watch baby laugh!



# H is for Horse

## Horsey Horsey

Horsey, horsey  
Don't you stop  
Just let your feet go  
Clippity clop  
Your tail goes swish  
Your wheels go round  
Giddy up we're  
Homeward bound



*How many horses are there? Count them with baby!*

# **K** is for **King**



## **Humpty Dumpty**

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall  
All the **King's** horses  
And all the King's men  
Couldn't put Humpty together again

# H is for Hands

## If you're happy and you know it

*Clap your hands, rub your tummy, blow a kiss etc twice after you sing each action*

If you're happy and you know it clap your **hands**

If you're happy and you know it

Then you really ought to show it

If you're happy and you know it clap you're hands.

*If you're happy and you know it rub your tummy....*

*Blow a kiss....*

*Tickle your toes....*

*Pointing to and naming things like hands, feet, nose etc will help baby to develop a vocabulary.*

*Baby is never too young to hear language used in daily life and from story books!*



# R is for Rain

## Incy Wincy Spider

Incy Wincy spider climbed up the water spout  
Down come the rain and washed the spider out  
Out came the sunshine and dried up all the **rain**  
So Incy Wincy spider climbed up the spout again

Incy Wincy spider was climbing up the tree  
Down came the snow and made the spider freeze  
Out came the sun and melted all the snow  
So Incy Wincy spider had another go



*As baby grows, learning the hand movements to rhymes helps develop fine motor skills. Plus, it's fun!*

# B is for Bell

## Jingle Bells

Jingle Bells, Jingle **Bells**  
Jingle all the way  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
On a one horse open sleigh  
Hey!

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells  
Jingle All the way  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
On a one horse open sleigh



# D is for Duck

## Old MacDonald's Farm

Old MacDonald had a farm

Ei-Ei-O

And on that farm he had a cow

Ei-Ei-O

With a moo moo here

And a moo moo there

Here a moo, there a moo

Everywhere a moo moo



Old MacDonald had a farm

Ei-Ei-O

*And on that farm he had a sheep....*

*And on that farm he had a **duck**....*

*And on that farm he had a dog.....*

# C is for Clap

## Open Shut Them

Open shut them, open shut them  
Give a little **clap**  
Open shut them, open shut them  
Lay them in your lap

Open shut them, open shut them  
Give them all a shake  
Open shut them, open shut them  
Keep them wide a wake

Open shut them, open shut them  
Don't get in a muddle  
Open shut them, open shut them  
Give your friends a cuddle



# **B** is for **Baby**

## **Pat a Cake**

Pat a cake, pat a cake  
Baker's man  
Bake me a cake  
As fast as you can

Pat it and prick it and  
Mark it with B and  
Put it in the oven for  
**Baby** and Me





# N is for Nose

## Peek-a-boo!

Peek-a-boo,

Peek-a-boo

I see you!

I see you!

I see your button **nose**

I see your tiny toes

I see you!

Peek-a-boo!

*Pointing to and naming things like hands, feet, nose etc will help baby to develop a vocabulary.*

*Exposing babies to regular singing, reading and talking from birth will give them around 5000 words in their vocabulary by the time they start school!*



# T is for Tree

## Rock-a-bye Baby

Rock-a-bye baby  
On the tree top  
When the winds blows  
The cradle will rock  
When the bough breaks  
The cradle will fall  
And down will come baby  
Cradle and all!



# G is for Garden

*Circle baby's palm with your finger, step your fingers up their arm then tickle them under their arm!*

## Round and Round the Garden

Round and round the garden  
Like a teddy bear  
One step, two step  
And tickle under there

Round and round the haystack  
Went the little mouse  
One step, two step  
And into his little house

Round and round the lighthouse  
And up the spiral stair  
One step, two step  
And right up in the air!

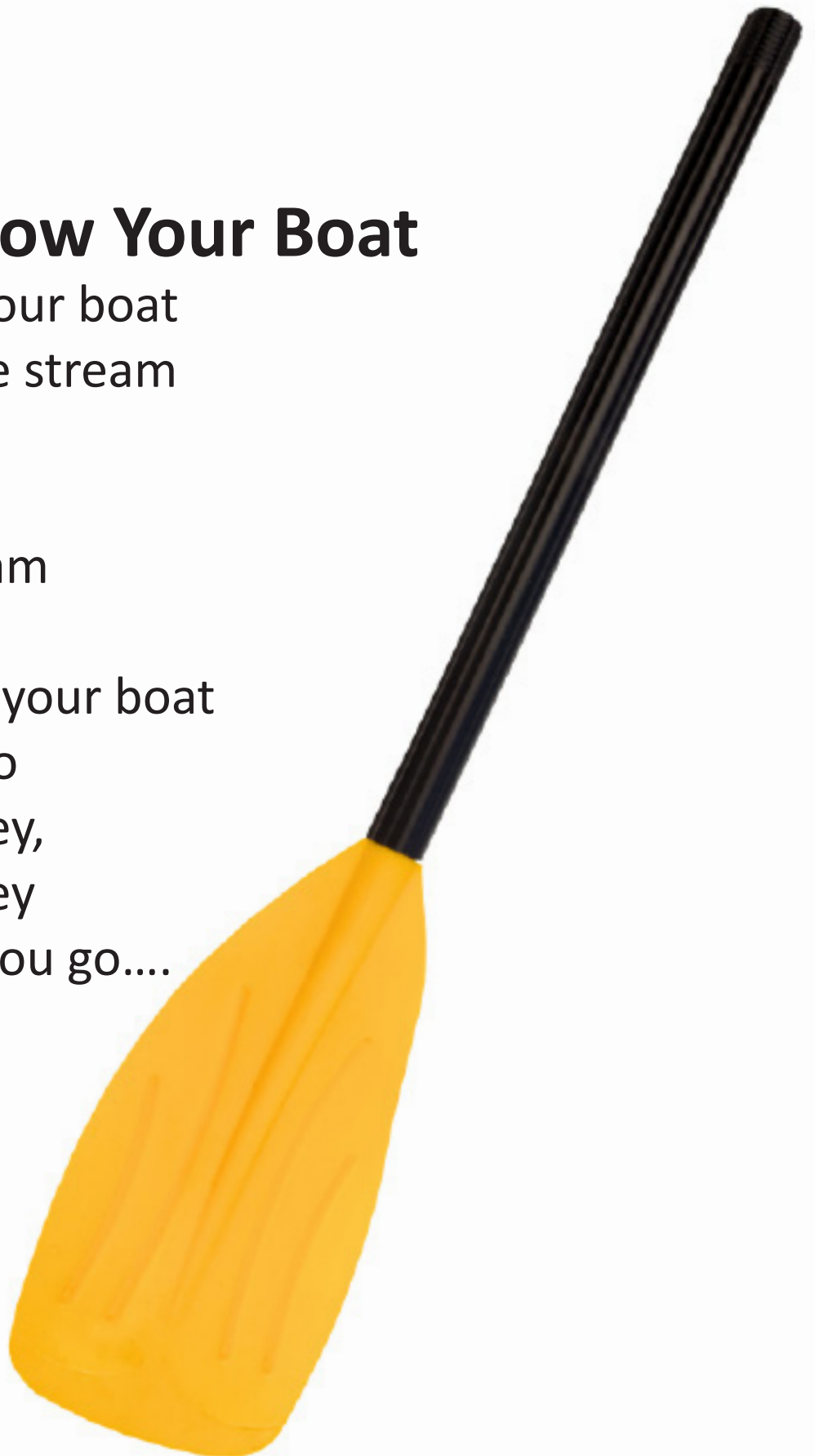


# W is for Water

## Row Row Row Your Boat

Row, row, row your boat  
Gently down the stream  
Merrily, merrily,  
Merrily, merrily  
Life is but a dream

Rock, rock, rock your boat  
Gently to and fro  
Wibbly, wobbly,  
Wibbly, wobbly  
Into the **water** you go....  
Splash!



# N is for Night

## Starlight, Star Bright

Starlight, star bright,  
The first star I see tonight

I wish I may

I wish I might

Have this wish

I wish tonight



# H is for Hill

## The Grand old Duke of York

The Grand old Duke of York

He had ten thousand men

He marched them up to the top of the **hill**

And he marched them down again

And when they were up, they were up

And when they were down, they were down

And when they were only half way up

They were neither up nor down



# F is for Finger

## These are Baby's Fingers

These are baby's fingers

These are baby's toes

This is baby's belly button

Round and round it goes



# F is for Farmer

## This is the Way the Farmer Rides

This is the way the farmer rides

The farmer rides

The farmer rides

This is the way the **farmer** rides

So early in the morning

This is the way the lady rides...

This is the way the gentleman rides...

This is the way the baby rides...



*Singing and sharing rhymes is the best way to promote a love of reading when your child is very young.*

*This means your child is more likely to develop early literacy skills before school, positioning them well for formal learning.*



# H is for Hair

## This is the Way We Wash Our Hair

This the way we wash our hair

wash our hair

wash our hair

This is the way we wash our **hair**

So early in the morning

*This the way we wash our toes...*

*This the way we wash our tummy...*

*This the way we wash our knees...*

*This is the way we wash our hands...*

*This is the way we wash our face...*



# P is for Pig

*Pretend baby's toes are the pigs and wiggle them each line.  
Run your fingers up to their tummy and tickle them 'all the way home'!*

## **This Little Piggy**

This little **piggy** went to market This little piggy  
stayed home

This little piggy had roast beef

This little piggy had none

And this little piggy went

WEE WEE WEE

all the way home



# M is for Market

## To Market, To Market

*On your lap, help your child 'gallop' along with the rhyme.*

To market, to market  
To buy a fat pig  
Home again, home again  
Jiggety-jig

To market, to **market**  
To buy a fat hog  
Home again, home again  
Jiggety-jog

To market, to market  
To buy a plum bun,  
Home agin, home again,  
Market is done!



# S is for Star

## Twinkle Twinkle

Twinkle, twinkle little **star**  
How I wonder what you are  
Up above the world so high  
Like a diamond in the sky  
Twinkle, twinkle little star  
How I wonder what you are.

When the blazing sun is gone  
When he nothing shines upon  
Then you shine your little light  
Twinkle, twinkle all the night  
Twinkle, twinkle little star  
How I wonder what you are.



# F is for Fur

## Warm Kitty

Warm Kitty  
Soft kitty,  
Little ball of **fur**,  
Sleepy kitty,  
Happy kitty,  
Purr, purr, purr!



*Rhyme and repetition help your child to develop a range of language skills, so be prepared to share the same story time and time again!*